

DETAILED ACTION

In a decision dated, 11/19/2009, the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences affirmed the rejection(s) against independent claim(s) 24 and 25, but reversed all rejections against claim(s) 1, 2, 5, 7-12, 14, 17-23 and 32-35 . The independent claim(s) 24 and 25 is/are cancelled by the examiner in accordance with MPEP § 1214.06.

The period under 37 CFR 1.304 for seeking court review of the decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences rendered has expired and no further action has been taken by appellant. The proceedings as to the rejected claims are considered terminated; see 37 CFR 1.197(b).

The application will be passed to issue on allowed claims 1, 2, 4-23 and 30-35 provided the following formal matters are promptly corrected: Independent withdrawn claims 26-29 must be cancelled. Prosecution is otherwise closed.

Applicant is required to make the necessary corrections addressing the outstanding formal matters within a shortened statutory period set to expire ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this letter. Extensions of time may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Amy J. Sterling at telephone number 571-272-6823 or to Supervisor Allen Shriver at 571-272-6698 if the examiner cannot be reached. The examiner can normally be reached (M-F 8 a.m.-5:00 p.m.). The fax machine number for the Technology center is 571-273-8300 (formal amendments) or 571-273-6823 (Informal communications). Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center receptionist at 571-272-3600.

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